



# EXCELLENCE IN TRANSPORTATION AWARD

Application must be received by the ITD Awards Coordinator by **April 20, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**

## Eligibility

Any firm or agency engaged in transportation related projects in Idaho is eligible to enter. Submitted projects must be located in Idaho.

The entry must be associated with a public transportation improvement, project or funded by transportation dollars. Projects must have been substantially completed within the last three calendar years inclusive of the current year and presently in use.

Entries submitted in previous years may be resubmitted if it still complies with the aforementioned time span. Winning entries from previous years are ineligible. A project may be entered in as many categories as desired; however, a separate application must be submitted for each category entry which addresses its specified criteria.

## Maintenance & Operations Criteria

- 1.) **Narrative:** Please provide a brief narrative explaining why this project is a candidate for the *Excellence in Transportation Award, Maintenance & Operations*.
- 2.) **Innovation/ Context Sensitive Solutions:** Describe any innovative equipment, processes, or procedures used to overcome project/program challenges and what makes these efforts unique. Describe what types of successes have occurred as a result of this innovation. Include any approaches that integrated and balanced community, aesthetic, historic, and environmental value with transportation safety and performance goals and how this benefited the public.
- 3.) **Partnerships and Collaboration:** Describe any partnerships that were formed to facilitate the development and implementation of this project and how these partnerships made a difference. Are there any mechanisms in place to foster the continuation of these partnerships? Were non-traditional groups represented as well, such as those outside the transportation arena?
- 4.) **Safety:** Describe how the project addresses current safety problems and prevents future hazards. Did the improvement consider all aspects of transportation safety – engineering, education, enforcement, and emergency responses? Discuss how the changes resulted in improved transportation system performance and the reduction in accidents/injuries to transit, bicycle, and pedestrian users.

- 5.) **Schedule/ Budget:** Describe how the project accomplished schedule, budget or other goals that enhanced operational processes while balancing/protecting the needs of design, safety, and maintenance. For example: Innovative operational improvements may have resulted in policy changes that saved money and improved efficiency.
- 6.) **Additional Comments:** The project may have succeeded in some areas but struggled with other criteria. Please explain where issues existed or provide information that did not fit in the above criteria.
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Use a **maximum of five pages** to answer the above listed criteria.

- Do not assume the judges are already knowledgeable of your project or understand transportation projects from a maintenance and operations prospective.
- The inclusion of photos to better illustrate your answers is highly recommended although not required.
- An appendix may be attached to the end of your application containing articles, awards, press releases that showcase why your project is exemplary. Judges may look over this material presented but the appendix itself is not a judged criterion for this award.

*Entries must be deemed "award-worthy." Judges do have the right to decide that a Maintenance & Operations award will not be presented if they believe the submitted entries do not meet the above criteria.*